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Groups of countries in special situations

Report of the Second Committee*

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1. At its 2nd plenary meeting, on 21 September 2012, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include in the agenda of its sixty-seventh session the item entitled:

"Groups of countries in special situations:

"(a) Follow-up to the Fourth United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries;

"(b) Specific actions related to the particular needs and problems of landlocked developing countries: outcome of the International Ministerial Conference of Landlocked and Transit Developing Countries and Donor Countries and International Financial and Development Institutions on Transit Transport Cooperation"

and to allocate it to the Second Committee.

2. The Second Committee held a substantive debate on the item at its 9th and 10th meetings, on 17 October 2012. An account of the Committee's discussion of the item is contained in the relevant summary records (A/C.2/67/SR.9 and 10). Attention is also drawn to the general debate held by the Committee at its 2nd to 6th meetings, from 8 to 10 October (see A/C.2/67/SR.2-6). An account of the Committee's further consideration of the item is provided in the addenda to the present report.

3. For its consideration of the item, the Committee had before it the following documents:

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Letter dated 10 October 2012 from the Permanent Representative of Algeria to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General, transmitting the Ministerial Declaration adopted at the thirty-sixth annual meeting of the Ministers for Foreign Affairs of the Group of 77 (A/67/519)

Item 23 (a)
Follow-up to the Fourth United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the Decade 2011 to 2020 (A/67/88-E/2012/75 and Corr.1)

Report of the Secretary-General on ensuring the effective implementation of the functions of the Office of the High Representative for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States and strengthening its capabilities and its effectiveness, as well as the effectiveness of the United Nations system support provided to least developed countries (A/67/262)

Report of the ad hoc working group to further study and strengthen the smooth transition process for countries graduating from the least developed country category (A/67/92)

Item 23 (b)
Specific actions related to the particular needs and problems of landlocked developing countries: outcome of the International Ministerial Conference of Landlocked and Transit Developing Countries and Donor Countries and International Financial and Development Institutions on Transit Transport Cooperation

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the Almaty Programme of Action: Addressing the Special Needs of Landlocked Developing Countries within a New Global Framework for Transit Transport Cooperation for Landlocked and Transit Developing Countries (A/67/210)

Letter dated 21 September 2012 from the Permanent Representative of Kazakhstan to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/67/386)

Letter dated 28 September 2012 from the Permanent Representative of Kazakhstan to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/67/489)

Letter dated 1 October 2012 from the Permanent Representative of the Lao People's Democratic Republic to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/67/495)

4. At the 9th meeting, on 17 October, the Under-Secretary-General and High Representative for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States made an introductory statement under sub-items (a) and (b) (see A/C.2/67/SR.9).

5. At the 10th meeting, on 17 October, the representatives of Chile and the Plurinational State of Bolivia made statements in exercise of the right of reply (see A/C.2/67/SR.10).